AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Original) Method for the automation of availability-checking, reservation and allocation processes for localized products and/or services, under utilization of a supraregional communications link and on the basis of a user's requirement, the method comprising:

    a)   the user selecting a provider's product or service;

    b)   the user transmitting an identification code;

    c)   the provider reserving a selected item, storing the identification code, and forwarding a reservation and code information to a code verification system, under utilization of a local-area communications link;

    d)   triggering a non-contact, proximity code verification when the user enters within a range of the code verification system; and

    e)   granting an access to the user upon a positive code verification.

2. (Previously Presented) Method as in claim 1, wherein the supraregional communications link is a mobile radio telephone network system.

3. (Previously Presented) Method as in claim 1, wherein the local-area communications link is a mobile radio telephone network system.

4. (Previously Presented) Method as in claim 1, wherein the local-area communications link is a local-area radio network.

5. (Previously Presented) Method as in claim 1, wherein the identification code for a particular use is issued for a limited area or time.

6. (Previously Presented) Method as in claim 1, wherein the local-area communications link is enabled by the user.

7. (Previously Presented) Method as in claim 1, wherein the non-contact code verification is accomplished by optical means.

8. (Previously Presented) Method as in claim 1, wherein the code provided by the user for transmission and/or verification purposes is released by selective activation.

9. (Previously Presented) Method as in claim 1, wherein data-transfer, availability-checking, reservation and allocation or assignment processes are performed with an aid of a central mainframe processing system.

10. (Currently Amended) Method as in claim 9, wherein the central mainframe processing system is equipped with data telecommunications interfaces as well as systems for enquiry analysis, availability checking, the generation and transmission of product or service offers, code acceptance and storage, communication with code verification and/or access authorization systems and ~~perhaps~~ point-of-sale management units.

11. (Previously Presented) Method as in claim 1, wherein the user employs the method for reserving parking space in park garage systems and obtaining access to the parking space thus reserved.

12. (Previously Presented) Method as in claim 1, wherein, under utilization of a code and of an information related to its use, an accounting statement is automatically generated.